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SETTING UP OF AN INDUSTRY FOR POTATO, APPLE AND PEAR CROPS IN SHIMLA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up an industry in Shimla which could consume potato, apple and pear crops of the local producers;

(b) if so, the details of norms fixed in this regard and the ways to motivate the people; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The Government has no proposal for setting up of an industry for potato, apple and pear in Shimla. However, Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its plan scheme provide assistance for setting up of food processing units @ 25% for normal area with limitation of Rs.50.00 lakh and @ 33.3% for difficult area with limitation of Rs.75.00 lakh including Himachal Pradesh.